

## WANTS SHARE OF PRIZE MONEY

UNCLE DAN WINTERS EARNED ON THE GOV. THOMPSONS

In the War of 1812—When John Winters Gets Well He'll File a Claim and Ask the President to Recommend an Honorary Senator to Put it Through for Him.

The story of how Daniel Winters, gunner of the bold brig Gov. Thompsons, saved his ship from capture by a British sloop-of-war early in the War of 1812, is a part of the history of the United States Navy. There may be some record of the achievement in the archives of the British Admiralty, but the student of history would probably have to dig to find it. In the War of 1812, the Gov. Thompsons, Capt. Smith, played a part somewhat similar to that of the Benbow, the Richard, Capt. John Paul Jones, in the Revolution. She was a privateer and sailed the seas to prey upon British shipping; and rich was the treasure which she captured. So far as the records have been examined, however, there is nothing to show that the ship that came to the privateer's end was ever divided. At least the descendants of Gunner Winters never heard of any division, and for that reason they are anxious to put in a claim to the United States Government for Daniel's share of the treasure.

The nearest living lineal descendants of Daniel Winters are James Winters, his great-grandson, who lives at Sag Harbor, L. I.; John W. Winters, superintendent of the gas lamps in Jersey City; and his brothers, George and William Schuyler Winters of Brooklyn. It is John W. Winters who is thinking about putting in a claim to the Government for his great-grandfather's share of the Gov. Thompson's prize money. But he won't do it, he said yesterday, until he gets over an attack of the grip and pneumonia, which has confined him to his house, 108 Mercer street, Jersey City, since the last day of February.

Mr. Winters is something of a celebrity himself. He says he is 80 years old, but his wife insists that he is younger by just ten years. She is her husband's second wife and many years his junior. Whenever Mrs. Winters contradicts her husband as to his age, Mr. Winters remarks:

"Have it your own way, my dear, have it your own way, but all the same I was born in 1822, at five minutes after 12 o'clock, and if that don't make me 80 years old, then I'm so old I've forgotten how to cipher. Mr. Winters has held his job for forty years. Before he got it he was a member of the old municipal police of New York and of the successor to that body, the Metropolitan Police. He was also a member of the old Brooklyn Continental Association, a veteran of the old Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department of the Thirtieth Regiment in speaking of his uncle, Daniel Winters, after the death of Gov. Thompson, Mr. Winters said:

"All the Winterses, so far as the family records show, were fond of the sea. The war of 1812 broke out Uncle Dan wanted to have a hand in it and finally he got a chance to ship with Capt. Smith on the Gov. Thompsons as a gunner. His job was to load and fire the ship's Long Tom as often as he could when the occasion required. That same Long Tom, by the way, was exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago. The Thompsons scouted the Atlantic from the Cape to New England and whenever she came across a British merchantman she looked like she was worth tackling. The Thompsons made for her and, I believe, the record is that she never missed the treasure, gold or goods, in the treasure and munition hold."

"Well, she was returning from one of these scouting expeditions early in the war, she chock-a-block with spoil. Capt. Smith intended to put in at New York, but then he got off Sandy Hook he sighted some British ships of the line and he concluded New York harbor wouldn't be a real comfortable place in which to drop anchor. So he bore off to the southeast, rounded Montauk Point and was thinking of putting in at some point along the Sound when a British sloop-of-war was sighted. Smith thought he'd take a chance with her, and when he got within range she opened fire. They had a hot and heavy fight for a while, but near sundown Smith saw that he'd made a mistake in mixing up with the British. The Thompsons, Capt. Smith shot pretty well full of holes and the deck got pretty well spilled with blood."

"Finally, Uncle Dan spoke up and said he could take her. The Thompsons, Capt. Smith followed her to the bottom or got stuck on the rocks. Go ahead," said Uncle Dan, and he took the Thompsons through the Gut as easy as you please and found a harbor further down the coast. The treasure was unloaded and the ship went off on another cruise. Later she was sunk. The survivors put in a claim, I suppose, for their prize money, but to whom I don't know. I can't find that the claim ever got to Washington. At any rate, Uncle Dan never got his share, and when I get better I'm going down to Sag Harbor, where my uncle lived, and get all the records I can, and then I'm going to write to the President to recommend some good, honest Senator to who'll take up the claim and put it through."

## MORN TO GO UNARMED.

Flight of One Italian Among a Lot of Others Who Don't Like Him.

Judge Warren W. Foster has become a reformer. He tried his hand last week on an Italian who shot but didn't kill a man a few months ago. The complainant's reputation was so bad that Assistant District Attorney Hand was compelled to ask the judge to order an acquittal. This Judge Foster did. Then he made the Italian swear that he would never again carry a weapon, and he lectured the Italian upon the prevalence of the women-carrying habit among his countrymen in this city. The Italian indignantly took an oath that he would never carry a weapon again, and he went forth a shrewd landlubber, a lot of men who are armed and who don't like him.

## HOW THIEF CONTINUED.

Explosion in Justice Minuted That Mr. Winters Should Be Released.

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## METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Story Told of How Senator Smoot Was Once Put Out of a Methodist Meeting.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., March 21.—The New Jersey Methodist Conference to-day adopted resolutions expressing disapproval of Sunday sessions of Congress. Each minister promised to write to his representatives in the House and Senate and ask them to put a stop to the practice. The Rev. Jesse Thompson of Gloucester City said:

"Why, you Methodist fellows ride Sunday on the cars and the trolleys. I think you are inconsistent. The American Sabbath is dead."

Cries of "No, no," were heard from every part of the Conference.

"It is a lost hope," said Mr. Thompson, despondently. The other brethren were not so pessimistic.

Dr. Hilt of the Church Extension Society told a story about Reed Smoot, the new Senator from Utah. "I have known him since he was a young man," said Mr. Hilt. "I met him about twenty-six years ago at a Methodist revival in Utah and he and his best girl and another Mormon and his best girl were there for the fun of it. They laughed and snickered during the prayer and when it was over I put my hand on young Smoot's shoulder and called to a United States Marshal to put them under arrest. He did so and they walked out to appear at a hearing the next day. Before the hour rolled around they were begging for mercy on the advice of young Smoot's father, who had five wives, and I let them off on their promise never again to attend a Methodist meeting. The promise was their suggestion and I half believe I never should have accepted it."

"I recently talked with Smoot in Washington. Of his alleged polygamy I know nothing, but he protested that he was not a polygamist."

## CITY CONTROL PARK ROW BLOCK

Purchases Indicate Plan to Relieve Traffic Is Being Put Through.

A number of sales of property that have come to light in the last few days revived a report yesterday that the city intends to obtain control of the block bounded by Park Row, Tryon Row, Centre and Chambers streets as part of a plan to relieve the congestion of traffic at the entrance to Brooklyn Bridge.

No. 82 Park Row, a three-story dwelling altered for business purposes and occupying a lot 25x55 feet, has been sold by the Rader estate; John B. Haskins has sold the four-story building, on lot 25x90, at 80 Park Row, and the Hoffman estate has sold 90 total Park Row, three five-story buildings with a total frontage of 60 feet. The buyer of all these pieces is Dr. Samuel V. Abel. The Hoffman parcel is separated from the others by property belonging to the city. Offers are also known to have been made for the Stata-Zeitung Building and for Leggett's Hotel.

The parties to the sales are expected to discuss the sales, Controller Grout, however, said yesterday that the city had nothing to do with the purchases. In its recent report to the Board of Estimate, the city recommended that this block be taken as a terminal for the street and elevated roads. A large part of the block is already owned by the city.

## BERGEN BEACH TO REOPEN.

Late Cars to Carry Visitors Home and Prevent Embarrassing Situations.

Bergen Beach will be opened for the summer season, renovated, enlarged and rebuilt. The new owners, under the name of the Bergen Beach Amusement Company, announced yesterday that \$200,000 will be expended in improving the beach, which will be opened on Decoration Day. The officers of the new company are: Joseph Langner, president; Horace E. Langner, secretary; Ernest de M. Brumbaugh, treasurer.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has agreed to run cars to the beach to fully accommodate the visitors. The old trouble of no cars at late hours will be eliminated, it is said, by a contract entered into before the purchase.

Last year Bergen Beach was closed because of friction between the railroad officials and Percy G. Williams, the proprietor of the Orpheum Theatre, who had control of the property and refused to open it unless the railroad people would agree to a schedule.

## COP ASKED MONEY TO TESTIFY?

Rosenberg on Trial on Charges Made by a Brooklyn Lawyer.

Patrolman Israel Rosenberg of the Oak street station, who was formerly a Central Office detective, was on trial before Capt. Piper at Police Headquarters yesterday, charged with having agreed to take \$25 to testify in favor of the plaintiff in a suit in the Supreme Court, in Brooklyn.

Meyer Steinbrink, a Brooklyn lawyer, who represented the plaintiff in the action, testified yesterday that through a man named Friedman, Rosenberg had demanded \$150 for his testimony and threatened to appear for the other side if he didn't get it. Steinbrink also said that Rosenberg finally agreed to accept \$25 on condition he would not mention the case was won.

Rosenberg, in his own behalf, swore that the offer had come unsolicited from Steinbrink and that his reply had been that there was "nothing doing." Capt. Piper reserved decision.

## LIVELIER WORK AT THE CIRCUS.

No That Several New Features May Be Added to the Performance.

Beginning to-morrow night several new features will be added to the Barnum & Bailey circus at Madison Square Garden. They will be made possible by the saving of time on the acts now given without curtailing them in any degree.

Thirty seconds of time saved on every one of the 100 acts means a total of saving of 30 minutes. This time will be improved by the management by putting on performers who have been unable to appear hitherto on account of the crowded condition of the programme.

## WOMAN FENCE FOR BOY THIEVES.

Last afternoon that he made an arrest and sent it to the New York City.

Bernard Courtney of 16 Madison street pleaded guilty yesterday before Justice Minuted to the Children's Court to pay a fine, upon the complaint of Mary A. Sullivan, a teacher in the public school at 201 Madison street. The fine was \$10.00 and was to be paid in five installments.

According to the police the woman has acted as a fence for a lot of schoolboy thieves. Courtney told the judge he wanted to be paid by the lady's mother as a witness against her.

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Philadelphia Wire Didn't Like Her Work. May Not Have Her Name Treated.

## Carpet Dept.

Commencing Monday, March 23rd,

We Will Offer

250 Rolls of

Velvet Carpet,

formerly \$1.20 to \$1.35 a yd.

87½c. a yard.

At Retail Only.

Lord & Taylor.

Broadway & 20th St.

Bestlow and Massaro Traded Fusco Because He Had Lost All the Games at Bowling and Had to Buy the Drinks.

Police Searching for the Murderer.

Carl Bestlow, 26 years old, of 2388 Atlantic avenue, was shot and instantly killed by Antonio Fusco, 34 years old, of Milford street and Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. John Massaro, 24 years old, of 2386 Atlantic avenue, was mortally wounded by Fusco at the same time.

The three men had been bowling on Friday night and Fusco lost. After the games they went to a saloon on Atlantic avenue near East New York avenue, where they had a number of drinks, for which Fusco had to pay. His companions joked him for losing all the games. He became angry and left Bestlow and Massaro. Shortly before 3 o'clock, while Bestlow and Massaro were standing in the street near their homes, Fusco appeared with a revolver. He was again told he was a poor bowler and he fired a bullet through Bestlow's heart. Massaro attempted to get the revolver from Fusco and in the scuffle was shot in the right side. Massaro was removed to the Bradford Street Hospital. It was said that he cannot recover. The bullet was found near the shooting station and Captain Gardiner and Detectives Stover and Tormey started out to look for Fusco, who had run away. A general alarm was sent out for him from the Smith street headquarters, but up to a late hour last night he had not been located.

Bestlow was married. He leaves a widow and three children.

## CREDIT BY ALLEGED FRAUD.

Meanwhile Case on Trial in the General Sessions.

Charles A. Kantor of the former Broadway clothing firm of Kantor & Cohen is being tried before Recorder Goff in the General Sessions on the charge of obtaining goods under false pretences in writing.

This is one of the Merchants' Association cases. Its preparation has taken more than a year, and the trial will probably last three weeks. It is expected that 200 witnesses will be called.

Kantor & Cohen failed, owing \$50,000 and having assets of but \$20,000. Six months before the failure the firm sent out a statement that the assets were \$20,000 more than the liabilities. It is charged that this statement was fraudulent.

Merchants' cases have had a hard row to hoe in the General Sessions, for the Judges generally regard them with disfavor, and in no past case has it been so difficult to get them out of court with the admonition to the complainants to try the civil courts. The Merchants' Association is greatly interested in the case at issue, and former District Attorney Phillips is one of the counsel for the complainant.

## WHITAKER WRIGHT NED HERE.

On an Account Left Over From His Philadelphia Days.

An echo of the Philadelphia career of Whitaker Wright, promoter, came out yesterday with the news that he had been served with papers in a suit to recover money on stock deals entered into when Wright was a Philadelphia resident. The papers were served in Ludlow Street Jail on Thursday night by the law firm of Hollander & Bernheimer, at the instance of John J. McDermid, of the Chicago brokerage firm of McDermid & Co.

According to Barnett L. Hollander, of the law firm, previous to Jan. 1, 1897, Wright had an open account with the brokerage concern, through which he made sales and purchases of stocks, grains and provisions. Wright, Wright, Wright, Philadelphia for a wider field, Hollander says, he left McDermid & Co. exactly \$1,100.75 to the bad. It is for this amount and interest on it since Jan. 1, 1897, that the suit is brought. Hollander added that several other Chicago firms had succeeded in collecting similar claims, one account having been \$1,000.

United States Marshal Hendon objected to the service of the papers on the ground that Wright was in the custody of the United States. The lawyers went to Sheriff O'Brien who consented to serve the papers, since the jail was a county institution under his jurisdiction.

Wright sent the papers to his lawyer.

## Wright's New Acts Her Name.

United States Commissioner Alexander ordered Marshal Hendon yesterday to pay \$100 to Morris L. Lippman, attorney for Mrs. F. Brown, widow of F. Brown, Wright, the London financier, now in Ludlow Street Jail pending extradition proceedings. The money was found on Wright. Mrs. Brown says it is hers.

## The spirit of the de.

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W. A. Taylor & Co. Agents, New York, N. Y.

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We are Agents for the

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Floor.

## A Sale of High-Grade Suits and Coats for Women.

If you are familiar with the models of the Parisian masters you will at once recognize many of their cleverest ideas, tastefully expressed, in the garments which this sale embraces. Values? The prices answer that question forcibly.

Fine Covert Cloth Coat; 20 inches long, lap or strap seams, silk lined. Value \$18.00. Special at \$12.50

Taffeta Silk Coats, full length, with cape and straps of stitched Taffeta. Value \$24.00. Special at \$16.50

Tailor-Made Suits, two models; of black or blue Canvas Weave; silk lined and drop skirt, Blouse Coat with Postilion back; or Canvas Weave, Cape effect, trimmed with Taffeta bands. Value \$29.50. Special at \$19.00

Tailor-Made Suits, three models; one of Fancy Mistral, one of Cheviot and the other of Veiling; entirely silk lined; new effects; trimmings of silk and fancy braids. Value \$35.00. Special at \$24.00

Rain Coats of Genuine Cravenette, in Tan or Oxford Cloth; three models. Loose back with belt; triple-cape effect or tight-fitting model, with full sleeves and velvet collar and cuffs. Values up to \$22.00. Special at \$15.00

## A Sale of Shirt Waists

Of materials that you would never expect to find in waists at the prices for which these are offered. That they are fashioned after imported models the daintiness of the elaboration makes self-evident.

Waists of white figured Madras, various patterns, with stitched plaited front, yoke effect; plaited back, full sleeves; tab collar and large pearl buttons. Value \$1.50. Special at 90c

Waists of Mercerized Cheviot, silk-embroidered front in grape design, side plaits and hemstitching; plaited sleeves, with large puff; stock collar. Value \$2.75. Special at \$1.98

Waists of Japanese Silk, black or white, yoke of fine tucking; bodice with three deep hemstitched tucks; back and collar tucked; large sleeves with hemstitched cuffs. Value \$4.00. Special at \$2.90

Waists of Japanese Silk, fine tucked yoke, bodice of fancy lace insertions and hemstitching, tucked back, sleeves trimmed with lace, fancy stock and tie; black or white. Value \$4.00. Special at \$2.90

Waists of White Japanese Silk, in two styles; fancy yoke of Valenciennes lace and fine tucking, back of lace insertion and plain tucking; full puff sleeves with lace and tucking; fancy stock collar with lace turn-over or lace-trimmed bow. Value \$6.50. Special at \$4.95

## Wrist Bags and Belts

One-Third Under Value.

Wrist Bags of morocco, walrus or grain leather, in black, tan, gray or brown; nickel, gilt or French gray frames; all with inside pockets, with and without jeweled clasps. Values \$1.00 and \$1.25. Special at 65c

Stitched Taffeta Tailor Made Belts, with nickel, gilt or gun metal Buckles. Value 50c. Special 35c

## Laces and Embroideries

A Special Offer.

When in doubt, use lace or embroidery for the elaboration of your gown. Nothing can be more effective than those presented here:

Collars of Imitation Irish Crochet, Venice, Cluny, Russian, Net and Venice, Silk and Lace Applique in white, ecru, black or black and ecru; round or shawl shapes; also 13-inch circular cape collars.

Value \$2.25. Special at \$1.50  
Values up to \$4.50. Special at \$2.75  
Values up to \$7.00. Special at \$4.65  
Values up to \$11.50. Special at \$8.75

Nainsook, Cambric or Swiss Edgings, 2 1/2 to 12 inches in width. Value 38c. per yard. Special at 19c

Nainsook, Swiss or Cambric Edgings, 3 to 12 inches in width. Value up to 60c. per yd. Special at 35c

Real Cluny Laces, band effect, in all widths from 3 to 7 inches. Value up to 90c. per yd. Special at 65c

Antique Bands or Edgings, 3 to 10 inches in width. Value up to 70c. Special at 35c

## An Important Sale of Wash Fabrics.

We think we have organized a department devoted to Wash Fabrics which is complete and replete with every possible weave and shade, and upon a basis which allows us to offer them at prices lower than usual. We would like you to think so, too. Here is an incentive:

Mouseline Broche, 27 inches wide, a sheer muslin fabric, with open weave effects embroidered in silk, dots, floral, Dresden and geometrical designs on white grounds. Value 50c. per yd. At 21c

French Pique, 26 inches wide, for shirt waists or shirt waist suits; dotted or striped designs in neat effects on white grounds. Value 25c. per yd. At 16c

Dunbar Zephyr, 32 inches wide, one of the finest weaves of the Scotch Zephyr, in striped effects. Value 35c. At 19c

English Zephyr Madras, 32 inches wide, designed for shirt waists and shirt waist suits, in a generous variety of stripes and colors. Value 19c. per yd. At 10c

## Silks and Dress Fabrics

Of all the Spring novelties the Dragoman and Shanghai silks promise to find the greatest favor. Entire gowns show them to the best advantage. Strange to say, the supply of these silks is very limited. We have been fortunate. Perhaps nowhere else can you find an assortment of weaves and colors such as ours. They are on sale at 89 cents.

We will place on SPECIAL SALE Monday

## DRESS SILKS

White Habutai Silks, heavy weight. 27 inches wide. Value 50c. per yd. At 35c  
23 inches wide. Value \$1.00 per yd. At 65c  
Plain Colored or Changeable Taffeta Silk, 19 inches wide. Value 69c. and 75c. per yd. Special at 39c

## BLACK TAFFETA SILKS.

19 inches wide. Value 68c. per yd. At 49c  
23 inches wide. Value \$1.00 per yd. At 65c  
26 inches wide. Value \$1.00 per yd. At 69c  
27 inches wide. Value \$1.25 per yd. At 79c

## WOOL DRESS FABRICS

Silk and wool Crepe de Paris, 46 inches wide; woven with a greater number of silk threads than usual; in all the new shades for street and evening service. Value \$1.50 per yard. Special at 90c

French Voiles, 46 inches wide, of excellent quality, in cream, white, black, royal, navy, sky, tan, brown, reseda, gray or biscuit. Value \$1.00 per yard. Special at 68c

## Trimmed Millinery.

At Special Prices.

Creative genius has spent its best efforts upon the models exhibited in our department. The imported creations represent every Parisian master of note. They include large Hats, Toques and Bonnets in a most generous variety of effects. Just to prove the cleverness of our milliners, we have made a number of copies and adaptations of exclusive models. On Monday you may choose from them at a Special Price, \$10.50

## Secret Order Pillows.

The emblems of Knight Templars, Red Men, Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum, Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, G. A. R., Golden Eagle, Elks, Foresters of America, Masons, Eastern Star, Mystic Shrine, Knights of Columbus, American Order United Workmen, Daughters of Rebekah, Daughters of America, Knights of Malta, and Knights of the Maccabees.

Your choice of these Hand Embroidered Pillows, with four-inch satin ribbon flounce, down filled. At \$10.00

Tinted and finished with heavy cord, silk floss filled. At \$2.50

Tinted top, with back. At 50c

Lithographed Pillow Tops, six subjects, beautifully colored. Value 45c. At 25c

## \$75 Kazak Rugs at \$34

The colors of which are intoxicating in their richness. The designs are such as one rarely finds, even in private collections. The most phlegmatic, matter-of-fact person could not resist their subtle charm.

Kazaks, average size 8 by 5 feet. Values \$50.00 to 75.00. Special at \$34.00

Karabaghs, average size 3 by 5 feet. Values \$6.25 to 8.00. Special at \$4.95

Tebrez Mats, beautiful colors, extra quality. Values up to \$19.75. Special at \$9.50

Shervans, average size 4 by 5 feet. Values up to \$28.00. Special at \$14.75

## A Sale of Fitted Beds.

If you have a country house or an apartment to furnish, this sale means all the more to you. It is not an everyday occurrence to find a fitted bed at a price which assures a saving of twenty per cent. on its actual worth.

Brass Beds, all sizes, with 1 1/2-inch posts and 1-inch fillings, large husks on centre posts and heavy mounts and vases. Value of bed alone, \$25.00. An upholstered Turkish Box Spring, covered with ticking of your choice. Value \$9.00. A 45-lb. Improved South American Hair Mattress with ticking of your own choice; one or two parts. Value \$15.00. Total value of the Bed, Spring and Mattress, \$49.00

Special on Monday at \$39.00

Heavy Iron White Enamel Beds, in all sizes, with continuous posts, brass rails over entire top and part of side, heavy scroll and filling. Value \$11.00. Iron Box Spring. Value \$5.50. A 40-lb. Hair Mattress. Value \$7.50. Total value of the Bed, Spring and Mattress,